

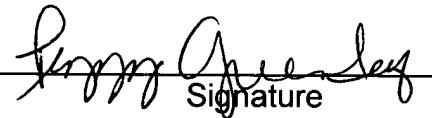


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

March 31, 2008

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowability in this case mailed December 31, 2007, the Applicants, acting through their attorney, provides the following comments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing the claims. The undersigned does not necessarily agree with the reasons set forth in the Examiner's Statement of

Reasons for Allowance. Moreover, it should be pointed out that the claims may be allowable for other reasons. Furthermore, with regard to the independent claims the Examiner mentions only a particular element in each of these claims while it is the combination of elements recited in each claim that is allowable.

While the combinations of elements recited in claims 2-4, 6, 8-9, 11-24, 26-29, 32-36, 38 and 40 are patentable, the undersigned would also like to point out that it may be possible that some or all of these individual elements may be broadened such that the resulting combination is still patentable. Applicants may elect to pursue such claims, or to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the present invention through a divisional, continuation or reissue application, or through a reexamination proceeding as appropriate.

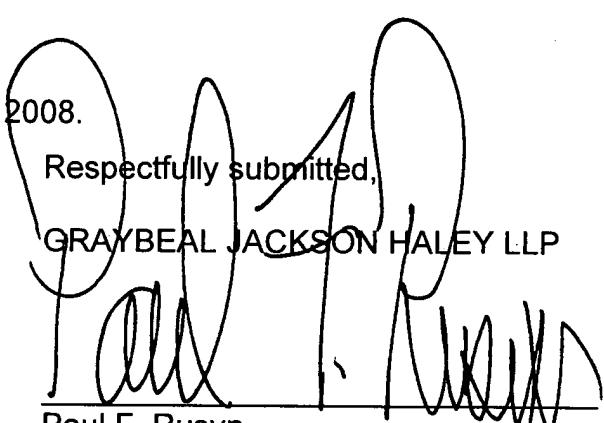
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If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, Paul F. Rusyn, at (425) 455-5575.

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